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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Superior Court Judges in Coconino County

Phoenix – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Dan Slayton and Jacqueline Hatch to the Coconino County Superior Court.

Dan Slayton has served as a full-time judge pro tem with the Coconino County Superior Court since 2005. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School in 1994, and received his undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University in 1978. He served as a full-time Justice of the Peace pro tem from 1999 to 2005, and a Deputy Coconino County Attorney from 1995 to 1999.

"Dan's extensive judicial experience as a judge pro tem at the justice of the peace and superior court levels make him well qualified for this superior court appointment," stated Governor Brewer. "He has a long-standing commitment to serving the citizens of Coconino County and I am certain he will continue to assure that justice is administered fairly." This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Fred Newton from Division 2 of the Coconino County Superior Court effective March 10, 2010. The term of this appointment expires on December 31, 2010.

Jacqueline Hatch is an attorney who has worked for the Coconino County Public Defender's Office since 1989. She graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1986, and received her undergraduate degree from Southern Utah State College in 1974. Prior to serving as a public defender, she worked for the law firm Snow, Nuffer, Engstrom & Drake in St. George, Utah from 1986 to 1988. She currently teaches Business Law & Ethics at Northern Arizona University.

"Jacqueline has been a dedicated public servant in Coconino County for many years," stated Governor Brewer. "Her extensive courtroom experience as a public defender make her well qualified to serve as a superior court judge." This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Danna Hendrix from Division 1 of the Coconino County Superior Court effective May 31, 2010. The term of this appointment expires on December 31, 2010.

"It is truly an honor to appoint Dan Slayton and Jacqueline Hatch to the Coconino County Superior Court," said Governor Brewer. "These are two outstanding attorneys who will serve the citizens of Coconino County well as their newest judges."